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## Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HATCH ET AL.

Examiner

Raymond S. Dean

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 October 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3-11 and 13-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3-11 and 13-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 March 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Arguments*

1. Applicant's arguments, see remarks filed October 30, 2006 with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of newly found prior art Will (US 6,392,640).

Will teaches displaying the plurality of selected words on said display in an order based on the frequency of use of the plurality of the selected words by the user (Col. 13 lines 46 – 67). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify device of Schroeder with the word use frequency method of Will for the purpose of improving the efficiency of the entry of text and other character sequences as taught by Will.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 3, 11, 13 – 16, 19 – 21, 24 – 26, 29 – 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schroeder et al. (5,797,098) in view of Will (US 6,392,640).

Regarding Claim 3, Schroeder teaches an electronic device comprising a display (Figure 1A, display (11)); and a memory storing a dictionary of words (Column 6 lines 30 – 31), wherein the device is adapted to, in response to a text entry, select a plurality of words in said dictionary predicted to correspond to said entry (Figure 4, Column 6 lines 17 – 41), and display the plurality of selected words on said display (Figure 4).

Schroeder does not teach displaying the plurality of selected words on said display in an order based on the frequency of use of the plurality of the selected words by the user.

Will teaches displaying the plurality of selected words on said display in an order based on the frequency of use of the plurality of the selected words by a user (Col. 13 lines 46 – 67).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify device of Schroeder with the word use frequency method of Will for the purpose of improving the efficiency of the entry of text and other character sequences as taught by Will.

Regarding Claim 11, Schroeder teaches a method of predicting text on an electronic device the method including the steps of: recognizing an entry of text by a user of the device (Figure 4, Column 6 lines 17 – 41); selecting a plurality of words stored in a dictionary responsive to the text entry (Figure 4, Column 6 lines 17 – 41);

and displaying at least one of the plurality of selected words on a display of the device (Figure 4).

Schroeder does not teach the display being based on the frequency of use of the plurality of selected words by the user.

Will teaches the display being based on the frequency of use of the plurality of selected words by the user (Col. 13 lines 46 – 67).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify device of Schroeder with the word use frequency method of Will for the purpose of improving the efficiency of the entry of text and other character sequences as taught by Will.

Regarding Claim 13, Schroeder teaches a software program stored on a tangible medium readable by an electronic device (Figure 1B, Col. 3 lines 46 – 50), which when run on the electronic device is operable to cause said device to perform a method of predicting text, the method comprising: selecting a plurality of words from a dictionary of words stored in a memory and predicted in response to entry of text by the user (Figure 4, Column 6 lines 17 – 41); displaying the plurality of selected words on a display of the device (Figure 4).

Schroeder does not teach the display being based on the frequency of use of the plurality of selected words by the user.

Will teaches the display being based on the frequency of use of the plurality of selected words by the user (Col. 13 lines 46 – 67).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify device of Schroeder with the word use frequency method of Will for the purpose of improving the efficiency of the entry of text and other character sequences as taught by Will.

Regarding Claim 14, Schroeder in view of Will teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 13. Schroeder further teaches a computer readable medium that comprises a flash memory (Figure 1B, Col. 3 lines 46 – 50), and the frequency of use of the plurality of selected words by the user is determined dynamically at the time of said entry of text by the user (Col. 5 lines 46 – 51).

Regarding Claim 15, Schroeder in view of Will teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 13. Schroeder further teaches wherein new words may be added to the dictionary (Col. 7 lines 26 – 29), updating a plurality of counter bits for each word in the dictionary used by the user according to the frequency of use of each (Column 7 lines 45 – 47, the memory stores the dictionary and the count, which comprise bits). Will further teaches modifying the order of the plurality of selected words displayed in respect of the text entry based on the values of a plurality of counts (Col. 13 lines 46 – 67, the order of the list will change based on the frequency of use, which is based on the counts).

Regarding Claims 16, 26, Schroeder in view of Will teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claims 3, 13. Schroeder further teaches wherein only one of said selected plurality of words is displayed (Column 6 lines 46 – 61, at least one candidate word is displayed, which means there can be just one candidate word displayed). Will

further teaches a word being the word that is most frequently used by the user (Col. 13 lines 46 – 67).

Regarding Claims 19, 29, Schroeder in view of Will teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claims 3, 13. Schroeder further teaches wherein the electronic device comprises a mobile telecommunications device (Figure 1A).

Regarding Claims 20, 30, Schroeder in view of Will teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claims 19, 29. Will further teaches wherein the text entry comprises part of the text of a message to be sent by said mobile telecommunications device (Column 3 lines 2 – 5, transmission by SMS comprises transmitting part of the text of a message).

Regarding Claim 21, Schroeder in view of Will teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 11. Schroeder further teaches wherein only one of said selected plurality of words is displayed (Column 6 lines 46 – 61, at least one candidate word is displayed, which means there can be just one candidate word displayed). Will further teaches a word being the word that is most frequently used by the user (Col. 13 lines 46 – 67).

Regarding Claim 24, Schroeder in view of Will teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 11. Schroeder further teaches wherein the electronic device comprises a mobile telecommunications device (Figure 1A).

Regarding Claim 25, Schroeder in view of Will teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 24. Will further teaches wherein the text entry comprises part of the text of a message to be sent by said mobile telecommunications device

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(Column 3 lines 2 – 5, transmission by SMS comprises transmitting part of the text of a message).

4. Claims 17 – 18, 22 – 23, 27 – 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schroeder et al. (5,797,098) in further view of Will (US 6,392,640), as taught in Claims 16, 21, 26 above, and further in view of O'Dell (US 6,801,659)

Regarding Claims 17, 27, Schroeder in view of Will teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claims 16, 26. Will further teaches the order of the displayed words being based on the frequency of use of the plurality of selected words by the user (Col. 13 lines 46 – 67). Schroeder further teaches said frequency of use being determined dynamically at the time of the text entry (Col. 5 lines 46 – 51).

Schroeder in view of Will does not teach wherein a plurality of selected words are sequentially displayed one at a time.

O'Dell teaches wherein a plurality of selected words are sequentially displayed one at a time (Column 7 lines 39 – 41, when the 'select word' key is pressed one word will be displayed at a time).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Schroeder in view of Will with the sequential feature of O'Dell for the purpose providing faster text entry to a user as taught by O'Dell.

Regarding Claims 18, 28, Schroeder in view of Will and in further view of O'Dell teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claims 17, 27. Schroeder further teaches wherein new words may be added to the plurality of words in said dictionary



(Col. 7 lines 26 – 29). O'Dell further teaches wherein each sequential display of a word is made in response to the user pressing a key (Column 7 lines 39 – 41).

Regarding Claim 22, Schroeder in view of Will teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 21. Will further teaches the order of the displayed words being based on the frequency of use of the plurality of selected words by the user (Col. 13 lines 46 – 67). Schroeder further teaches said frequency of use being determined dynamically at the time of the text entry (Col. 5 lines 46 – 51).

Schroeder in view of Will does not teach wherein a plurality of selected words are sequentially displayed one at a time.

O'Dell teaches wherein a plurality of selected words are sequentially displayed one at a time (Column 7 lines 39 – 41, when the 'select word' key is pressed one word will be displayed at a time),

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Schroeder in view of Will with the sequential feature of O'Dell for the purpose providing faster text entry to a user as taught by O'Dell.

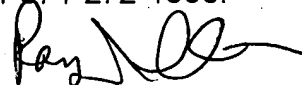
Regarding Claim 23, Schroeder in view of Will and in further view of O'Dell teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 22. Schroeder further teaches wherein new words may be added to the plurality of words stored in the dictionary (Col. 7 lines 26 – 29). O'Dell further teaches wherein each sequential display of a word is made in response to the user pressing a key (Column 7 lines 39 – 41).

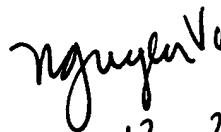
**Conclusion**

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raymond S. Dean whose telephone number is 571-272-7877. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 6:00-2:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward F. Urban can be reached on 571-272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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